

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF EXACT TRAINING PHASE I

The EXACT Training Phase I ran from 1 October 2010 to 28 February 2011. It concentrated on academic training for all twelve EXACT fellows at the University of Cologne and aimed at imparting basic knowledge about EU External Action and its institutional architecture in an interdisciplinary context. This phase defined the academic framework for the individual research projects of the EXACT fellows and provided an introduction to the demands and offers for the fellows in the next phases of the programme.

A first highlight of the five months of training was the EXACT Initial Conference on October 21/22 in Cologne, which brought together for the first time fellows and representatives from all partner institutions, Visiting Scientists, politicians, practitioners, and media. In the following weeks, the group of EXACT fellows benefited from a set of six Ph.D. seminars, which could be implemented with the expertise of four EXACT Visiting Scientists. The courses are fully acknowledged by all EXACT universities as regular elements of the students' Ph.D. studies, although they were partly carried out at other places and institutions (e.g. TEPSA).

✦ <i>Economics of European integration</i> Prof. A. Tovias Hebrew University of Jerusalem, IL EXACT Marie Curie Visiting Scientist (Cologne)	✦ <i>Methodological approaches to research</i> Dr. A. Faber Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt/Oder, DE EXACT Marie Curie Visiting Scientist (TEPSA)
✦ <i>EU institutional law</i> Prof. A. Wessel University of Twente, NL EXACT Marie Curie Visiting Scientist (Cologne)	✦ <i>Professional approaches to Foreign and Security Policy</i> Dr. E. Regelsberger Institut für europäische Politik, Berlin, DE EXACT Marie Curie Visiting Scientist (TEPSA)
✦ <i>Extended analysis of research issues concerning European integration</i> Prof. W. Wessels, University of Cologne, DE	✦ <i>Theories, strategies and polity of European integration</i> Prof. W. Wessels University of Cologne, DE

Furthermore, as part of their Ph.D. studies, the students attended the international guest lecture series at the Jean Monnet Chair (with lectures by – *inter alia* – Jean Paul Jacqué, Ramses Wessel, Hüseyin Bağcı, Anne Faber and Alfred Tovias) and experienced a set of complementary training activities outside Cologne:

- ❖ From October 25 to 29 the fellows undertook a study trip to Brussels to visit *CEPS* and to meet with officials of the Council of the EU in the framework of a Ph.D. workshop.
- ❖ On December 2/3, the fellows participated in the *TEPSA* pre-presidency conference in Budapest, hosted by the Hungarian Institute for World Economics.
- ❖ On December 9/10 the group went on a study visit to the *University of Edinburgh*.
- ❖ From January 18 to 21 the group embarked on a trip Berlin, where they organised a workshop, met with experts of German foreign policy and visited the *Stiftung für Wissenschaft und Politik*.
- ❖ On January 16, the group participated in a one day conference at the *University of Twente, Enschede*.
- ❖ On February 15, the fellows went on a study visit to Bonn to follow an invitation of the *German Development Institute (DIE-GDI)* and to visit the *Museum of German History*.

Finally, besides individual research and studies, the students enjoyed intensive French language classes at the Institut Français de Cologne (January-February), benefited from a one-day rhetoric workshop 'Speaking publicly' (February 3) and a professional photo shoot (February 16-17 and 22).

Detailed reports and pictures of the different activities can be found on the EXACT webpage: <http://www.exact-training.net/11495.html>